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Air Force's oldest C-9 to get upgrade

By Staff Sgt. Jeff Loftin
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

"The years have been kind to you," is a complement everyone over 30 likes to hear. Although time isn't on everyone's side, it seems to be for the Air Force's oldest C-9A Nightingale.

The first C-9A in the service's inventory, tail number 67-22583, has served the Pacific region from Yokota since 1993. The aircraft left here Sunday to be turned in to depot for a series of avionics modifications that will increase the safety and precision of the aircraft's navigation abilities.

"The C-9A has served the Air Force by providing medical evacuation to all U.S. military personnel around the world for 33 years," said Staff Sgt. Harold Leasure, crew chief for 67-22583. "As it enters its 33rd year of service, the C-9A is still considered an indispensable part of the Air Force team. The modifications to 67-22583 will ensure its place on that team."

The modifications will be made by Lockheed in Greenville, S.C., and include an Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System, an updated Traffic Collision Avoidance System software package, and a Flight Management System with an integrated Global Positioning System and Laser Ring Gyro Internal Navigation Unit.

The Ground Proximity Warning Sys-



photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Loftin

The first C-9A Nightingale in the Air Force's inventory, tail number 67-22583, flies past Mount Fuji during its last mission before going to depot for avionics modifications. The upgrades should increase the safety and precision of the aircraft's navigation abilities.

tem alerts pilots of upcoming terrain dangers. For instance if a pilot is flying in bad weather and can't see the terrain, the system will tell the pilot to pull up or turn to avoid hitting a mountain or a tall building.

The new Flight Management System is an upgrade to the inertial navigation system.

"For instance, from here to Kadena may have 15 waypoints," explained Leasure. "The pilots punch in the waypoints (into the new system). It'll give them the distance between waypoints and approximate flying time. They can project their whole mission out just by punching the coordinates of all the waypoints into the com-

puter."

"There are no tears shed here seeing 583 going off to be updated, because it's so much more work for us in the older airplanes," said Capt. Scott Larson, of the 30th Airlift Squadron who piloted 67-22583 on its last mission before heading to depot. "The ones that are updated make our job easier. And, it's actually safer for us and for everybody on the airplane. (With the old system) we have to take the information the old INS is giving us and make the inputs into the autopilot to make sure we're staying on course. If you're not really alert, winds change on you or you hit a turn point and if you're not right on top of it you could find yourself getting a little off course. Whereas the newer airplanes, or those with updated avionics, do that for you. It's locked right into the autopilot. It hits a turning point and it goes. It's very precise."

The Air Force started these upgrades to its C-9A fleet three years ago. 67-22583 will also have the distinction of being the last in the inventory to get them.

Although the modifications promise continued service, one shouldn't forget the service the aircraft has given over the past three decades. How many lives were saved because of 67-22583 is anyone's guess.

"It's the same old mission despite the

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Cop finds himself on other side of law

By Staff Sgt. Alan Williams
Fuji Flyer editor

A noncommissioned officer from the 374th Security Forces Squadron was sentenced April 4 to a bad conduct discharge, 10 months confinement, reduction to airman basic and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhodes, who already was on terminal leave last summer, was extended on active duty and returned to Yokota in November to stand trial in a general court martial.

The case stemmed from events between December 1999 and June 2000. Rhodes was recalled from terminal leave after agents from Air Force Office of Special Investigations Det. 621 became aware of his drug

abuse. As a result of an ongoing OSI investigation, other airmen named the accused, among others, as a drug user.

Rhodes was charged with larceny and disorderly conduct; diverse use and possession of hallucinogenic mushrooms, containing psilocin, a controlled substance; the use and distribution of ecstasy; and the wrongful introduction of illegal drugs onto a military installation.

He pled guilty to larceny and disorderly conduct. In June 2000, Rhodes and friends were eating and drinking at Yumi's, an off-base restaurant bar. He left the bar without paying his bill, totaling almost \$100. As a result, the manager chased Rhodes through the alleys and streets of Fussa City to collect his bill. Rhodes hid in his off base apartment before proceeding to the base where he was caught.

"It was a sad day for Japanese-American relations when one of our law enforcement officers, sworn to uphold the law, runs out of an establishment to avoid paying a bill and has to be chased through the city," said Capt. Paul Cronin, the assistant prosecutor in this case.

Contrary to his pleas, Rhodes was convicted of illegal use, possession, and distribution of illegal drugs. Some of the accused's fellow drug abusers testified that he had in his possession, and used, hallucinogenic mushrooms in his off-base apartment and on base in unaccompanied housing. Witnesses also testified Rhodes distributed ecstasy to another airman at an off-base apartment. However, he was acquitted of using ecstasy and wrongfully introducing illegal drugs onto Yokota Air Base.

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Air Force Assistance Fund drive collects \$61,107

YOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE, Japan — The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, which ended March 30, raised \$61,107.

This was 179 percent of the installation's goal of \$34,186.

"The first two weeks of the event were extremely slow because of the inspection," said Capt. Kelly Uchimura, installation project officer. "But, thanks to a lot of hard work by squadron and flight representatives and the First Sergeants' Council Bowl-a-Thon, the campaign quickly got back on track."

The AFAF is a unique charity because much of the money comes back to benefit active duty members and their families. Last year, Yokota received \$213,700 in benefits from the Air Force Aid Society, over four times as much

money as it contributed.

These benefits included: spouse tuition assistance, dependent child education grants, free car care coupons and phone cards for deployed members, free child care, and interest free loans and grants during emergency situations such as a plane ticket to the states for a funeral, unexpected car repairs, or paying for rent if a family is about to get evicted from an off-base apartment.

The Air Force Aid Society, one of four organizations that make up the AFAF, has no annual budget for Yokota. If you meet their criteria, you will receive aid. Contact the Family Support Center at 225-8725 for more information.

Other organizations that comprise the AFAF are the LeMay Foundation, Enlisted Widows Home and the Air Force Village.

High steppin'



photo by Airman 1st Class Charity Barrett

Brittany Chamberlain, Meredith Emmert, Christine Gustin, Emily Walsh and Erika Ruzza perform during the Yokota High School Drama Department's production of Anything Goes, April 3.

Transportation awards

The **374th Transportation Squadron** recently was named the combat readiness and resources unit of the year for both Pacific Air Forces and the entire Air Force. They were also named the best transportation unit in PACAF and the vehicle maintenance unit of the year for PACAF.

Postal awards

The following people recently earned Air Force Communication and Information Professionalism awards in the postal category:

Isaiah Ravenel, Det. 2 PACAF Air Postal Squadron, senior civilian; **Senior Master Sgt. Phil Weaver**, 374th Communications Squadron, senior NCO.

In addition, **Det. 2 PACAF Air Postal Squadron** won the PACAF Postal Improvement Program award in the Aerial Mail Terminal Category.

Media winners

The following people earned awards in the Air Force Media Contest:

Maj. Stephen Clutter, 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, first place, news article; **Army Sgt. Damian Kelly**, Air Forces News, first place, radio spot production; **Staff Sgt. Debroah Decker** and **Senior Airman Chris Decker**, AFN, second place, television information program; **Senior Airman Decker** and **Airman 1st Class Jason Linn**, AFN, third place, television spot production; and **Tech. Sgt. Mark Hatfield**, AFN, first place, television sports report.

90 Percent Club

The wing has a program to award those who receive a 90 percent or better on their Career Development Course end of course test. The following recently joined this club:

Staff Sgt. Neil Lu, 374th Security Forces Squadron, 90

percent; **Senior Airman Charla Ferris**, 36th Airlift Squadron, 92 percent; **Senior Airman Joseph Cardoza**, 36 AS, 94 percent; **Staff Sgt. Amee Modgling**, 374th Operations Support Squadron, 95 percent; **Staff Sgt. Felix Rodriguez**, Services, 90 percent; **Staff Sgt. Randy Bernardino**, Services, 98 percent; **Airman 1st Class Shelly Page**, 374th Medical Group, 91 percent; and **Senior Airman Benjamin Dugan**, 36 AS, 90 percent.

Airfield award

Gregg Williams, 374th OSS, was named the airfield management civilian supervisor of the year for the Air Force.

5th AF award

The **374th Security Forces Squadron** recently earned the 5th Air Force Outstanding Antiterrorism Innovation or Action Installation/Operational Unit award.

NEWS AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Space must be top national priority, says SPACECOM chief: WASHINGTON (AFPN) — American military involvement in space will become more critical to national security in coming years, said U.S. Space Command's top officer.

"Most anyone involved in military operations, whether military or civilian, would tell you space is becoming increas-

ingly important," said Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, SPACECOM commander in chief.

Satellite imagery, missile warning and targeting information that space-based systems provide have proven their military worth to U.S. defense planners throughout the past decade, Eberhart said. That data, for instance, contributed to victory during Operation Desert Storm and the 1999 Kosovo air campaign.

"Look back to how we leveraged our space assets in Desert Storm, compare that to Kosovo — or how we can leverage them even today as we have made advancements since Kosovo — and I think it is obvious how important and how much we rely on capabilities that are resident in our information that moves through space," he said.

Blue Sands exercise chal-

lenges bluesuiters: MARRAKECH, Morocco — A hectic flying schedule, limited supplies and a series of "first time" events made the semi-annual Blue Sands exercise here a tough but productive challenge for Air Force participants.

About 175 U.S. Air Force active-duty, civilian and Air National Guard members from four bases, along with six U.S. Army jumpmasters, are taking part in BS 01-01, which began March 16 and ended Sunday.

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As a result of his conviction, Rhodes has a federal felony criminal conviction in his records for the rest of his life. In some states, he may not be able to vote or hold a professional license. He will also lose any veterans' benefits to which he may have been entitled.

According to Cronin, Rhodes needlessly threw away a very promising career in law enforcement and the Air Force Reserve by not thinking about the consequences of his actions.

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Getting better all the time

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airplane,” said Larson. “It’s great to be flying the mission. Just knowing what we’re doing is getting people to where they need to go to get the help they need, that’s really what matters. Whether it’s an old airplane or a new airplane, moving people is what really counts. That’s where the jollies come in. It’s not whether we have gee-whiz equipment up front. Doing a good service for the people in the back is what counts.”

And, that’s just what 67-22583 did from the time it entered service in August 1968 right up to its last flight before going to depot. On its last mission it transported five patients to where they could get the medical treatment they needed.

“For me it’s near and dear,” said Staff Sgt. Shawn BenDixon, NCO in charge of aircrew training for the 374th Aero-

medical Evacuation Squadron of the mission. “I had my first flight on 583 and this will probably be my last on it ... I enjoyed the mission.”

The squadron used the mission to not only transport patients, but to help train two medical technicians and two medical crew directors.

“There was a lot of training going on,” said Capt. Elena Schlenker, a student MCD on the flight. “It was definitely a good day to get a lot of training accomplished. I think overall the crew worked well together, communicated well and it went by quickly.”

Upgrades to older aircraft and training for new crews will help ensure future aeromedical evacuation will continue to save lives.

Background, Staff Sgt. Harold Leasure, 30th Airlift Squadron, checks out 67-22583 before its final mission before going to depot. Top, 67-22583 flies on a mission in 1970. Far right, Senior Airman Daniel Dunlap, 374th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, and other medical personnel check equipment and supplies during the mission. Right, 1st Lt. Mark Guillory, co-pilot during the mission, requests clearance to takeoff from the Kadena runway.

photos by Staff Sgt. Jeff Loftin



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Yokota is the premier base in 5AF

By Chief Master Sgt. Richard Bruhn
374th Operations Group

In the headline the key word to focus on is “premier.” Lately, I have either heard someone use this word when describing Yokota Air Base to others or read it in one of the hundreds of 1206s coming across my desk during my first three months assigned as the new chief for the 374th Operations Group.

Taking time to look the word “premier” up in the dictionary, the definition is, “first in position, rank, or importance.” The exact point of this article ... I do think Yokota Air Base is first in position, rank, or importance ... the premier base in 5th Air Force!

For the past two years, the 374th Airlift Wing has proven on all major inspections to be either near best or very best at our readiness ability to go to war, and in management of Air Force assets and programs. The track record is awesome! Narrowing this kind of talk down to the 374th Operations Group’s accomplishments, the 36th Airlift Squadron chalked up an 80.9 percent monthly aircraft mission capable rate last year, and did so with one of the oldest C-130 fleets in the Air Force. Just last month one of our aircrew members was named the Pacific Air Forces enlisted NCO aircrew member of the year for 2000. Our group has many accomplishments and our folks many achievements. Look around in

your squadrons and groups. I know you are surrounded by great people accomplishing great things, and have plenty to brag about and be proud of.

We are in a period of time where we need to pat each other on the back ... a well-deserved pat! But as always, we need to move on with the rest 2001. I just wanted to make the point we certainly have earned a “first in position, rank or importance” by our accomplishments on inspections and the achievements of our personnel.

But, I think there are more reasons why we are the premier base in 5AF besides our track record with major inspections. That is only half the equation. The other half is how we approach the work that still needs to be done at Yokota on an everyday basis. We must approach our work with the thought “we are a premier base and my work is going to reflect it.”

A recent example of this attitude was when I was asked by my maintainer brethren to assist finding a solution for a manning shortage associated with the electro-environmental shop. The first couple of meetings were held with all of us pouring over the manning documents, identifying work standards and developing charts and graphs. Basically, we were prolonging the agony of getting down to the business of “what band aid will fix what, and how can we rob Peter to pay Paul.” From the beginning of the

discussions we forgot the most basic step. Some of us had not physically seen the facility for the new Electro-environmental shop. The NCOIC had touted it on several occasions but back to the manning documents we went. You know, nose to the grindstone. When we were deadlock in discussion we decided to look at the new facility for the electro-environmental shop.

First sight of the new facility and I knew our plan of attack needed an immediate change. With this new magnificent facility, Yokota Air Base has the potential of having one of the best electro-environmental shops in the Pacific, and I dare say maybe the Air Force. Other bases wish they had half the facility we were handed by the Japanese government. Rather than look for band aid fixes or paying Paul by robbing Peter, we need to have a wing-wide commitment to build-up the very best electro-environmental shop in the Pacific. That’s the thought pattern of a premier base. I believe the maintainers on this base won’t quit until we have one.

Many other issues I have initially dealt with since arriving in the wing could use some of the premier base thought pattern. To single out a few; our wing’s ready program is on my scope. As a chief, I’ve been stationed at three bases in the past five years and not one base has put the finishing touches on a ready program. We are the closest, and

if we are a premier base we will close ranks with each other, overcome differences, find solutions, and sign a program into effect. If there are further differences to argue, let it be with the bean counters and leaders off this base.

And on a more personal issue is the illegal use of ecstasy by our military members and dependents and how we on Yokota are going to deal with stoppage of this illegal drug. If we are a premier base, then we won’t watch and see what Kadena or Misawa is doing about the illegal use of ecstasy and then decide whether we want to follow their actions. Rather, we will not follow others at all but do what we know is right and strive to achieve the results we desire.

If the rest of the Air Force is not doing it that way then dare to be bold and try something new ... dare to find solutions that warrant Yokota to continue to be the premier base in 5AF. We need to keep that premier base thought pattern alive the next time we sit down to develop a wing awards instruction or try to find solutions for the child care issues unique to Yokota.

In closing, as we approach the many problems associated with each of our jobs, be proud of our past accomplishments and personal achievements but always keep in sight solutions to those problems as if we are the Premier base in 5AF.



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Col. Mark Zamzow
374th Airlift Wing Commander



DUI Prevention

April 3-10 DUIs:	4
Total DUIs in April:	4
Total DUIs in 2001:	16
Record DUI-free streak:	85

Punishment
.05-.07=14 days walking, 6 points
.08-.09=90 days walking, 6 points
.10 and above=one year walking, 6 points
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Movie Theater

The movie schedule is as follows:
Today — *Save The Last Dance*, PG-13, 6:30 p.m.; *Enemy At The Gates*, R, 9 p.m.
Saturday — *The Snatch*, R, 6:30 p.m.; *Enemy At The Gates*, R, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday — *Save The Last Dance*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *Enemy At The Gates*, R, 7 p.m.
Monday — *The Snatch*, R, 7 p.m.
Tuesday — *Finding Forrester*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
Wednesday — *Finding Forrester*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
Thursday — *Some Like You*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. For information, call 225-8708.

Commander’s Channel

The Channel 18 schedule is as follows:
Family views — Today through Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Facts About Smokeless Tobacco*, two short videos about the risks of smokeless tobacco. The first is a tongue-in-cheek music video and the second video talks about the risks in a straightforward manner with graphic photos of the consequences of dipping and chewing. Kids will think twice about dipping after viewing these videos.
Thursday, 7 p.m., *Hate Hurts Everyone*, A video program that addresses the addictive nature of hate, seeks to decrease violence by eradicating hate, and promotes the establishment of a school environment that values tolerance and acceptance.
Air Force News — daily at 3 p.m.

Living Lord’s supper

There will be a real-life dramatization of the famous painting of the Last Supper by Leonardo Da Vinci tonight at 7 p.m. in the Taiyo Recreation Center. New features were added this year. For more information, call 225-7009.

Glory at the Cross

An Easter performance featuring toddlers to teens will be held Easter Sunday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Taiyo Recreation Center. For more information, call 225-7009.

Picture That

The Yujo Recreation Center is proud to announce the opening of “Picture That,” a specialty portrait shop Saturday. Picture That will offer portraits for all occasions

including baby photos, graduation photos, family portraits, and glamour shots. Pick up a gift certificate and give a unique present to a loved one or friend. For more information, call the Yujo Recreation Center at 225-7713.

Holy week

Catholic
Today — Good Friday service, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday — Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday — Easter Mass, 10:30 a.m.
Protestant
Today — Good Friday service, noon.
Sunday — Easter Sunrise service, 6 a.m., donuts, juice and coffee following in chapel activity room; no 8 a.m. Liturgical service; general protestant service Easter musical, 9 a.m.; no Sunday school; inspirational service, noon.
All events held at the West Chapel.

Eggstravaganza

Come to the Natatorium Saturday at 10 a.m. and enjoy good old-fashioned holiday egg-citement. Swim, munch on refreshments and enjoy a underwater egg hunt.

Easter egg scramble

The East Youth Center is having a celebration of Easter at Tachi Field Saturday. There will be Easter egg hunts for: ages 2 and under at 11 a.m.; ages 3-4, 11:20 a.m.; ages 5-6, 11:40 a.m.; ages 7-8, noon; and ages 9-13 at 12:20. Bring a bag to carry candy and \$1 for commemorative photo with the Easter Bunny.

Easter buffets

E-Club — Feast on a delicious buffet at the enlisted club Easter Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Choose from a huge selection of homemade dishes.
O-Club — Come to the Yokota Officers’ Club Easter Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and treat the family to a special dining experience.
Tama — Join family and friends for a delicious buffet Easter Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. There will be an Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m. and free kiddie rides from noon to 5 p.m. Call 224-3421 for reservations.

Route 56

The next Route 56 meeting is at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the enlisted club. Guest speakers are Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray, 5th Air Force command chief, and Paul Martin, AAFES general manager. All

staff and technical sergeants are invited.

Flowers

Sign up for free flowers for base housing residents begins Monday at Yokota Hardware (Self Help).

Earth week

The base Environmental Flight is looking for Earth Week 2001 committee members and volunteers. Earth Week is Monday through April 22. Events include: drawing exhibition, wastewater treatment plant field trip, Tuesday and Wednesday; tower collection point and 3rd Annual Earth Week Celebration, April 21; and Tama River clean-up, April 28.
For more information, call 225-5440.

Tama River clean-up

The annual Tama River clean-up is April 28 at 1 p.m. Help Yokota’s community relations program by cleaning up a mile and a half stretch of the Tama River. To sign up, e-mail: 374aw.pa@yokota.af.mil or call 225-7020.

Road closures

Luke Avenue between Bldg. 533 and Outdoor Recreation will be closed until May 15. There will also be a half-road closure on Alabama Avenue near the Food Court. Traffic will be one way from Airlift Avenue to the Family Support Center. The parking lot north of Outdoor Recreation will also be closed. The closures are necessary to repave the existing asphalt road under the Community Center project by the Government of Japan.

Housing closed

The housing office will be closed April 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. for an official function. This will affect dormitory management, facilities, and furnishings management offices.

Asian bazaar

The Yokota Officers’ Spouses’ Club is holding the Spring Asian bazaar April 21-22 at Hangar 15. More than 40 vendors will sell merchandise. Proceeds from the bazaar are returned to the Yokota community through donations to the schools, library, clubs and organizations, family and youth programs and Air Force-wide programs.
Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 21 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 22. Anyone who is SOFA-sponsored and at least 14 years old can volunteer. Volun-

Abuse prevention



Courtesy photo

Col. Mark Zamzow, 374th Airlift Wing commander, and Shannon Baker, Family Advocacy outreach manager, pose after Zamzow signed the proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month at Yokota.

teers assist vendors with sales and are entitled to early shopping before the bazaar opens.

For each hour worked volunteers earn a chance to win doorprizes donated by the vendors. To volunteer, call 227-5497 or 227-5224.

O’Club renovations

The Yokota Officers’ Club has began renovations which will last until July 13. The club will remain open during this time. For more information, call 225-8526.

Pet clinic

The Yokota Veterinary clinic will have an afterhours vaccination clinic April 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. Vaccination appointments during this time are on a walk-in basis.

Change of command

Col. Paul Williams will relinquish command of the 730th Air Mobility Squadron to Col. Kenneth Wavering during a ceremony April 26 at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 79. The ceremony will move to the officer’s club in case of mission requirements.

‘Wiz of the West’

More than 50 Yokota East Elementary School students and the Missoula Children’s Theater will preform a musical production of “The Wiz of the West” at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. April 21 in the Yokota East Media Center. Admission is free.

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Yard sale — 4617 Pease, east side April 21-22, 8 a.m. 227-9087.(1)

FOR SALE
Kick scooters — Two childrens scooters, purple, \$50 each OBO. 227-9234.(1)
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Computer — AMD 500mhz, 64mb RAM, 10 gig hard drive, CD/RW, printer, monitor, scanner, \$550.(1)
Miscellaneous — Kenwood 7-disc CD player with remote, \$100; whiter stone table with ball and glass top for center piece or end table, \$100. 227-5366.(1)
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Miscellaneous — 12,000 BTU air conditioner, \$120; Sea View 15-gallon aquarium with filter, \$50; Centurion 21-speed bike, \$100; Japanese bike, \$30. 227-4102.(1)
Baseball cards — 1991 Topps Desert Shield Baseball Card Set, 6,400 existing sets, rare, \$3,000 OBO; many singles available also. 227-6344.(1)
Drapes — Light-filtering, thermal lined, two pairs, navy, 95x78 inches, \$25 each; three pairs, burgundy, 80x150 inches, \$40 each. 227-7407.(1)
Tape drive — OnStream Echo 30GB internal IDE tape backup, part# D130, with three tape cartridges, \$100. 227-3684.(1)
Stereo — Technics rack system with Bose speakers, includes amplifier, tuner, DSP with karaoke, dual cassette and 5-disc CD changer, \$375 OBO. 227-5976.(1)
Miscellaneous — Drapes and shades for three bedroom garden, \$100; two 18,000 BTU air conditioners, \$200 for both; patio awning, \$250. 227-5272.(1)
Subwoofer — Yamaha YST-SW150, 120 with two 8-inch woofers, \$130 OBO. 227-3204.(1)
Air conditioner — 18,000, \$100. 227-2689.(1)
Fence — With gate, 85 feet, \$250. 227-8938 or 227-5272.(1)
Miscellaneous — Two Whirlpool window air conditioners, 15,000 BTU, \$100, 10,000 BTU, \$65, both in excellent shape; awning for 3-bedroom garden, great shape, \$300 OBO; living room blinds, \$30 OBO. 227-2312.(2)
Air conditioners — 18,000 BTU Whirlpool, one owner, 1 year old, \$350; 8,000 BTU Goldstar, one owner, 1 year old, \$150; both for \$475. 227-9455.(2)
Furniture — Entertainment wall system, oak, accomodates 27-inch TV, adjustable shelves, display light behind etched glass doors, \$150; two bookshelves, \$75 each. 227-3359.(2)
Baby items — Two-child stroller by Avalon, \$40; Step2 slide, \$30; plastic bear swing with rope, \$10; plastic car swing with rope, \$10; Carry-a-Child backpack by Gerry, \$15. 227-3270.(2)
Bike — Stationary bicycle, used a couple of times, great condition, paid \$99,

more than two ads per family, per week. Ads will run for one week, possibly longer space permitting. The Fuji Flyer deadline is noon Wednesday the week before publication. For holidays the deadline is noon Tuesday the week before publication.
\$1,800 OBO. 227-2391.(1)
1989 Toyota — Corolla, 2-door, 49,000 K, JCI until May 2002, \$1,200. 227-8938.or 2275272.(1)
1988 Nissan — Bluebird, automatic, power everything, 4-door, black, 92,500 K, \$1,400 OBO. 227-3952.(1)
1991 Nissan — Skyline, turbo charged inline 6, automatic, pioneer MD deck and speaker system, A/C, power everything, \$2,950 OBO.(1)
1990 Nissan — Pulsar, 42,000 K, automatic, A/C, power everything, JCI until Aug. 2002, \$1,600 OBO. 227-3958.(1)
1988 Honda — Civic, 4-door, black, 86,000 K, automatic, A/C, AM/FM cassette, JCI until Oct., \$1,295, 227-6231.(1)
1992 Nissan — Bluebird ARX, automatic, A/C, AM/FM cassette, power everything, maroon, JCI until Sept., \$2,700. 227-7114.(1)
1999 Honda — CBR900RR, mint condition, \$7,000. E-mail Ziebellc@zma.attmil.ne.jp. 267-6238.(1)
1987 Suzuki — GSXR1100R, U.S. specifications, 12,000 miles, new tires, Yoshimura exhaust, \$3,500. 263-7978(1)
1986 Honda — CR125 motocross, fresh motor, race-tuned suspension, \$700. 263-7978.(1)
1986 Yamaha — SRX250, sport street bike, ready to go, \$250. 263-7978.(1)
1987 Subaru — Sanber Try 4-wheel drive, sunroof, A/C, JCI until Oct., \$900 OBO. email nissantoy@hotmail.co.(1)
1989 Nissan — Bluebird, JCI until May 2002, power doors and windows, A/C, \$1,200 OBO. 227-6174.(1)
1989 Honda — Integra, automatic, A/C, power windows, AM/FM cassette, JCI until June 2002, \$800 OBO. 227-2787.(1)
1985 Honda — City, AM/FM cassette, JCI until Dec. 2002, \$700. 227-2651.(1)
1987 Toyota— Town Ace van, JCI until Oct. 2003, sunroof, CD player, rear air and heat, \$750 OBO. 227-3373.(1)
1990 Nissan — Skyline, gray, automatic, A/C, power everything, 4-door, JCI until April 2003, \$2,800 OBO. 227-4795.(1)
1989 Toyota — Cynos, green, 2-door, automatic, A/C and heat, AM/FM cassette, new tires, JCI until July, \$500. 227-5743.(1)
1992 Toyota — Corolla, gray, 4-door, automatic, power everything, AM/FM cassette, new A/C, JCI until Sept., \$1,500 OBO. 056-874-3805.
1988 Toyota— Levin, automatic, A/C and heat, chrome wheels, JCI until Nov., \$1,000 OBO. 227-4036.(1)
1994 Toyota — Starlet, silver, 4-door, new battery, 38,000 K, JCI until Sept., automatic, power everything, A/C, \$3,000 OBO. 227-2191.(1)
1987 Toyota — Supra, twin turbo, JCI until May 2002, A/C, power everything, \$2,100 OBO. 227-9087.(1)
1985 Toyota — Master Ace van, JCI until May, dual sunroofs, A/C, hot and cold box, power everything, \$1,600 OBO. 227-9087.(1)
1988 Honda — Concerto, JCI until Feb. 2002, power everything, \$1,400 OBO. 227-4836.(1)
1990 Ford — Spectron van, sunroof, A/C, runs good, \$2,000 OBO. 227-3669.(2)
1992 Toyota — Corolla, gray, 4-door, automatic, power everything, AM/FM cassette, new A/C, excellent condition, JCI until Sept., available April 19, \$1,700 OBO. 056-874-3805.(2)
1990 Nissan — Pulsar, red, 2-door, T-top (removable), automatic, AM/FM cassette, power windows, JCI until July, runs extremely well, must sell, \$1,300. 227-4923.(2)
1986 Toyota — Vista, 4-door, 5-speed, navy blue, A/C, AM/FM cassette, JCI until Nov., good condition, \$700 OBO. 227-2312.(2)
1992 Mitsubishi — Diamante, black, JCI until Aug., \$3,000 OBO. 227-8092.(2)
1989 Nissan — Skyline, dark blue, 4-door, automatic, power windows and locks, AM/FM, CD, A/C, 83,000 K, JCI until Aug., \$1,700 OBO. 227-6197.(2)
1994 Ford — Telstar, V-6, blue, runs excellent, comes with Pioneer head unit with 6-disc CD changer, \$3,500 OBO. 227-9906.(2)
1991 Nissan — Bluebird, JCI until April 2002, \$1,500 OBO. 227-9455.(2)
1991 Toyota — Limited, JCI until Nov. 2002, power everything, \$2,000. 227-3359.(2)
1989 Nissan — Cefiro, JCI until Sept. 2002, power everything, 6-pack CD player and large speaker, \$2,500. 227-3359.(1)
1998 Honda — Press Cub scooter, \$825. 227-4102.(2)
Mitsubishi — Mini truck, JCI until March 2002, \$900. 227-4102.(2)
1989 Ford — Laser GT, twin cam, CD, new tires, great car, \$500. 227-5544.(2)
1997 Chevrolet — Astro van, Mark 3 conversion, TV, VCR, headphones, captain chairs, running boards, Dutch doors, curtains, sliding windows, mag wheels, well maintained, in excellent condition, \$25,000 firm. 227-4169.(2)
1963 Chevrolet — Impala low-rider stationwagon, shaved rear door, new interior, 327 V-8 engine, chrome custom wheels, baby blue metallic with white pearl roof, real looker, \$12,500 firm. 227-4169.(2)
1998 CR250 — Dirt bike, looks new, \$4,000. 227-4169.(2)
1998 YZ125 — Dirt bike, looks new, \$3,500. 227-4169.(2)
1987 Toyota — Supra, twin turbo, JCI until May 2002, A/C, power everything, \$2,500 OBO. 227-9087.(3)
1987 Toyota — Master Ace van, JCI until May 2001, dual sunroofs, A/C, hot/cold box, power everything, \$2,000 OBO. 227-9087.(3)
1991 Nissan — Silvia, black, power everything, excellent condition, JCI until Oct. 2002, separating soon, \$1,800 OBO. 227-2339.(2)

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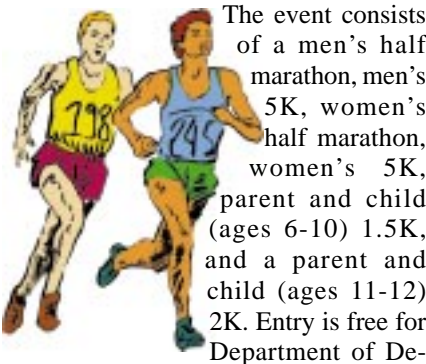
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“He slides into second with a stand-up double.”

Jerry Coleman, broadcaster and former San Diego Padres manager

5th East Japan International Friendship Marathon: is May 13 at Sagami General Depot.



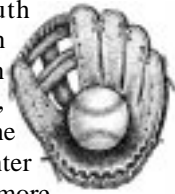
The event consists of a men’s half marathon, men’s 5K, women’s half marathon, women’s 5K, parent and child (ages 6-10) 1.5K, and a parent and child (ages 11-12) 2K. Entry is free for Department of De-

fense personnel and family members. Submission deadline is Thursday. For more information, call 268-4236.

Tour De Tama IX: Competitors can sign up at Outdoor Recreation for the mountain bike race through the Tama Hill recreation area May 12. There are separate categories for different skill levels and a barbecue lunch after the event, For more information call 225-4552.

Youth sports day: from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, at Tachi Field behind the East Youth Center.

Youth baseball opening ceremony: Join the opening ceremony of Youth Baseball Season at Taichi Field on the east side, April 21. Call the East Youth Center at 225-7441 for more information.



Par 3 net repair: The Par 3 driving range nets are under repair.

AMERICA'S AIRLIFT FORCE IN THE PACIFIC

FUJI SPORTS

Summertime’s pastime hits Yokota

Story and Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Gordon Van Vleet
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Call it what you want — the national pastime, America’s game, field of dreams or playing the diamond, it still boils down to the same thing — it’s time to “Play Ball.”

With the majors regular season games starting stateside and Japans big-league games in full swing, Yokota will soon follow suit with this summer’s softball season kicking off around April 23.

According to the folks at the gym ... specifically soon-to-be Tech. Sgt. Darrel Ross, Yokota’s Intramural and Varsity Sports NCOIC, this season should start off with 18 teams. The plan for now is for a 12 to 14 game season kicking off earlier then last year.

The folks I work with can usually tell softball season is almost upon us by the tattered, cleats-cut gym bag by my desk and my quick-change superman act at the end of the day as I make a quick exit for ball field.

I’ll be the first to admit that I don’t have what it takes to be a professional baseball player, but I know I can hang with the best of them when it comes to intramural softball. I may have lost a step or two to the younger bucks playing the game, but I make up for it in experience — and some good jumps on the ball.

I’m not alone in this category. There are plenty of good ball players out there, too many to count, who jump at the chance to get out on the field and show they got what it takes.

What gives these players,



Members of the 374th Airlift Wing staff agencies’ team practice at Yokota field. Top, Will Wilson lines a rope up the middle while Leonce (Bean) Bienville Jr. looks on. Left, Wilson digs into another pitch as Henry Carrillo sets himself at third. This year’s intramural softball season is scheduled to start April 23.

in his swing. Most days the stands only have a smattering of fans, mostly relatives or friends of the players, or in a lot of cases, other ball players waiting their turn on the field or relaxing after a game.

What’s missing? The team’s fans are missing. I’m talking about the people who work in the same organization, don’t know the players, but want to come support their team and see some good ball to boot.

There were days when the stands would fill with an extra 30 or more people. They would come to support their team. They could identify with the players and they came because they en-

joyed watching a good softball game.

Well, the good softballs games are still happening. Judging by the popularity of professional sports on TV it seems obvious that the average person enjoys watching two teams battle it out on the playing field. This kind of excitement can be gotten with the cheap price of just stopping by Wilkins or Yokota Field when you see the lights on.

Get out and check it out, the games are definitely worth their price, because sometimes the good things in life are free.

That’s it for now. I’m rounding third and heading for home. Talk to you later.

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